GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS
NITISH SENGUPTA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is attention has been drawn to the report of a study recently undertaken by the Centre for Indian Economy, Bombay, indicating the industrial progress made by various States in the recent years;

(b) if so, the reasons given by the study for the imbalance in industrial progress among different States;

(c) the position of West Bengal in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for slow-down in industrial development in West Bengal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) :- A statement is laid on the Table of the Hous.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 493 for answer on 28.04.2000.

(a) to (c): Centre for Monitoring of Indian Economy (CMIE) Bombay, have informed that they have not done any study on industrial progress made by various States in the country.

(d): The de-licensing of Industries in the country has reduced the role of the Government in directing industrial investment to any particular location/region in the country. Industrial investment, in the present situation is guided by the perception of the investor about opportunities of profitable investment.

According to the Annual Survey of Industries, the ranking of West Bengal, according to net value added has risen to 6 during 1997-98 from 8 in 1994-95.

According to Government of West Bengal the industrial scenario has shown a steady improvement in the last few years both in terms of production and labour relations. Growth in industrial production has improved from 2.8% in 1993-94 to 11% in 1996-97 and investment from Rs. 2.5billion (USD 72.7 million) in the period 1977-81 to Rs. 67.3 billion (USD 1.9 billion) in the period 1992-97. 154440 projects with a total investment of Rs. 426.5 billion (USD 12.2 billion) were approved in the period 1991-97 (upto March 1997).